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Applicant:	Lee and Esquela	Art Unit:	1646
Application No.:	09/361,655	Examiner:	P. Mertz
Filed:	July 27, 1999		
Title:	METHODS OF DETECTING LIVER CELLS EXPRESSING GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR-12		

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2002.

The requested extension is for one (1) month, extending the period for response to December 12, 2002.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

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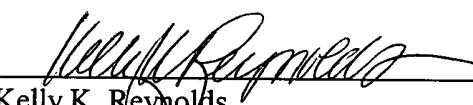
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A check for the sum of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the one-month Extension of Time fee.
Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1355 for any other fees or credits believed to be due. A
copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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